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Furniture

Highboy

Springfield Home

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Highboy Lincoln Owned Back Again In His Home Here

The addition of a mahogany highboy owned by Abraham Lincoln, to the collection of original furniture in the Lincoln home in Springfield, was announced yesterday by Director W. A. Rosenfield of the state department of public works and buildings.

The highboy, which Lincoln kept in his household from 1854 until he left to become president, is a gift to the state from Mrs. Joseph E. Davies, wife of the former American ambassador to Russia. She obtained it from her late father, C. W. Post, who was a former Springfield resident.

According to records, Lincoln purchased the piece of furniture from Charles Phelps and later gave it to an old friend, John E. Roll. Through subsequent sales, the highboy came into possession of Post.

Besides the highboy, the Lincoln home now has the original dining room table, four chairs and several smaller pieces.

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